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U.S. Patent No.	Issued	Inventor (s)	Title
3,024,626	03/13/1962	Frischman	AXLE SHAFT

Foreign:

Country	Patent	Publication/ Issue Date	Applicant
FR	2745855	09/12/1997	VALEO EQUIPEMENTS ELECTRIQUES MOTEUR (FR)
GB	766115	01/16/1957	EATON AXLES LTD
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JP	2002235111	08/23/2002	TOYOTA MOTOR CORP

Other:

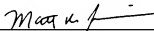
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